Act 15
That Person

SHH ...
THESE DOLLS MUST NOT LEARN OF IT.
L-LUCILLE, COULD THAT DOG HAVE DRUNK FROM THAT SPRING WHERE WE THOUGHT DAD WAS HEADED...?

SILVER FUR AND SILVER EYES? SO YOU'VE MADE EVEN DOGS DRINK THE AQUA VITAE, HAVE YOU, LUCILLE?
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HE'S A WILD DOLL THAT DESTROYS ENEMIES AND ALLIES INDISCRIMINATELY ...
BUT... CHINA HOU... HE'S GOING TO BE TROUBLE.

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BUT THAT DOG IS DONE FOR.

WHAT'S WRONG? DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WANTED TO PLAY WITH THE DOG?

HEH HEH ...
IT WAS A LITTLE HARDER THAN I THOUGHT ...
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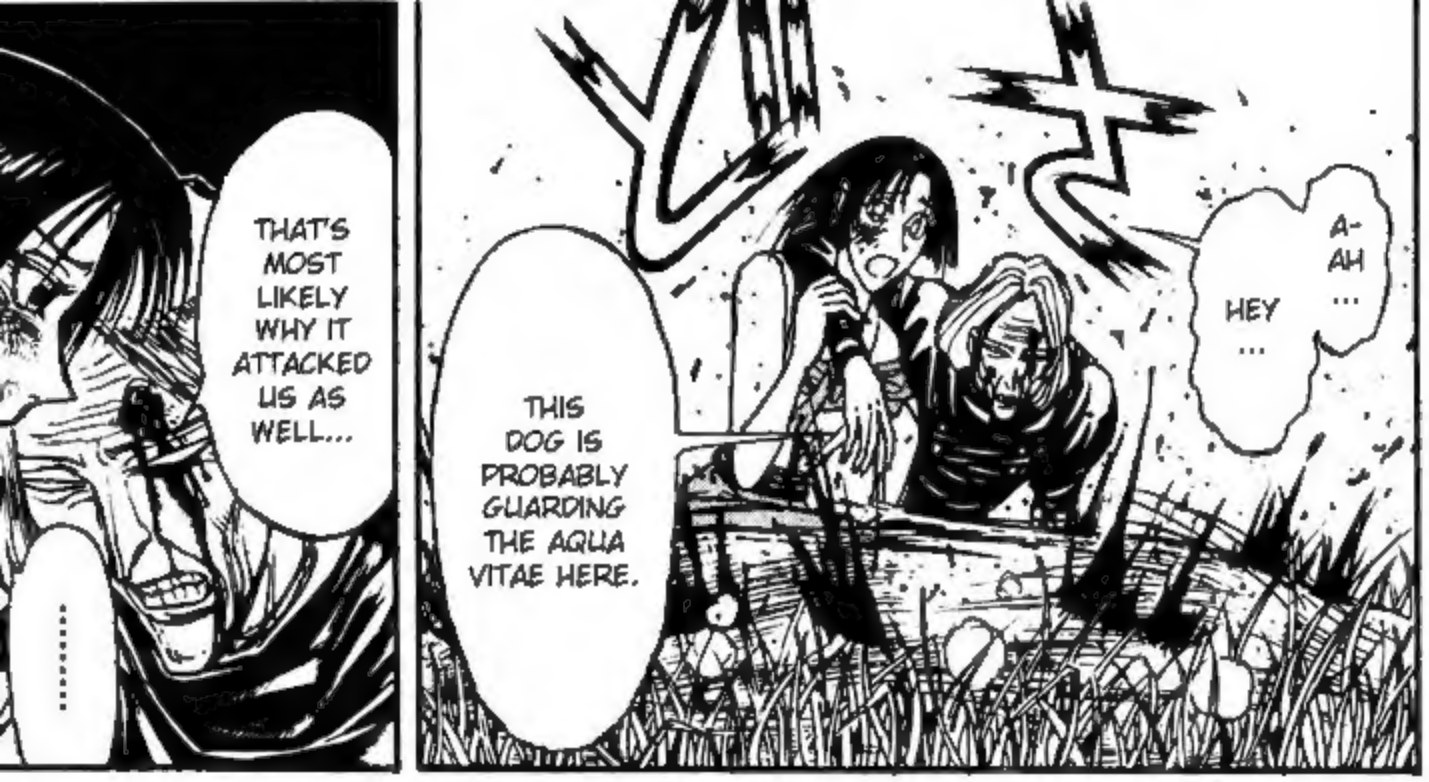
THAT'S MOST LIKELY WHY IT ATTACKED US AS WELL...
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A-AH ...
HEY ...
THIS DOG IS PROBABLY GUARDING THE AQUA VITAE HERE.

AND YOU, LUCILLE, WILL TELL ME THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE NEW SHIROGANE I'VE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT.
YOUNG LADY, YOU WILL NOW BE REPAID FOR SPEAKING ILL ... OF THE CLOTHING I WAS GIVEN BY LADY FRANCINE.

I SEE... WELL THEN, LUCILLE.
OURS WAS A LONG ACQUAINT-ANCE.

AT THIS RATE, THIS GIRL WILL BE KILLED AS WELL.

I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE HE IS. IF YOU MEAN TO KILL ME, HURRY UP AND DO IT.
THIS IS BAD. THERE'S NO WAY TO ALTER OUR SITUATION ...!

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MI!!
WANG!
MISS
MING-
XIAAAA!

BE
CAREFUL!
THESE
THINGS
AREN'T
HUMAN!
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?
GET HIM!
THE
NEW
SHIRO-
GANE?
NARUMI
...?
IS
THAT
HIM,
THEN?

HMM ...
WANG, THEY CAN'T BE DEFEATED UNLESS THEIR BODIES ARE THOROUGHLY DESTROYED WITH CHI.
I AM CALLED A PRODIGY BY MASTER LIANG'S OTHER STUDENTS.
I'M NOT A MAN YOU'LL FIND EASY TO KILL.
...THEN I'LL DO JUST THAT.
WHATEVER THESE THINGS ARE, I HAVE A GENERAL IDEA OF WHAT'S GOING ON.
AND NO MATTER HOW DANGEROUS THEY MAY BE...
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MING-HAI, WHAT'S WRONG?! WHY ARE YOU ALL SPACED OUT?!

WH-WHAT ...
IT'S NO USE TALKING TO HIM, YOUNG MISS!

CAN'T YOU SEE THAT LUCILLE AND I ARE WOUNDED?! YOU NEED TO GET OUT THERE AND FIGHT!

HE'S BEEN IN THAT STATE EVER SINCE.
HE STARTED ACTING STRANGE WHEN MASTER TOLD US ABOUT THE GUY WHO BUILT THESE AUTOMATA.

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THEN, DAD IS REALLY SOMEWHERE ON THIS MOUNTAIN?!

HEEEH, THE NERVE OF THESE CHINA DOLLS... THEY ARE DISGRACING MASTER PANTALONE!

I WILL PROTECT YOU, MISS MING-XIA!
PLEASE DON'T WORRY, THOUGH!

HAAAH!
JOIN THEM.

CHINA HOU...
HA-HAA!

EEEYAAAAAH!
hah
I DIDN'T EVEN NEED MING-HAI FOR...
HEH... HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT?
hah
UGH ...

SO YOU WON'T BE LONELY... NARUMI.
MASTER PANTALONE IS ANGRY. I'M GOING TO KILL YOU RIGHT NOW.
BUT THE OTHER HUMANS WILL DIE SOON AS WELL.

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I AM NOT... MING-HAI!
I'M... WANG ZHIANG-JIAN.
WH-WHAT DID YOU SAY...?

HIS TONGUE HAS A SWORD?!

DIE... NA-RU-MI.

WANG!!
I AM NOT MING-HAI!
HURRY UP AND DIE, NARUMI.
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WANG, BEHIND YOU...!
WHA...
HE DOVE UNDER-GROUND?!
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HUH?!
WANG...!
GWAAAH!

WHO ...?
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WANG ...?
HELLO?!
MING-HAI, PLEASE! WANG IS IN DANGER!
PLEASE SAY SOME-THING! ANY-THING!

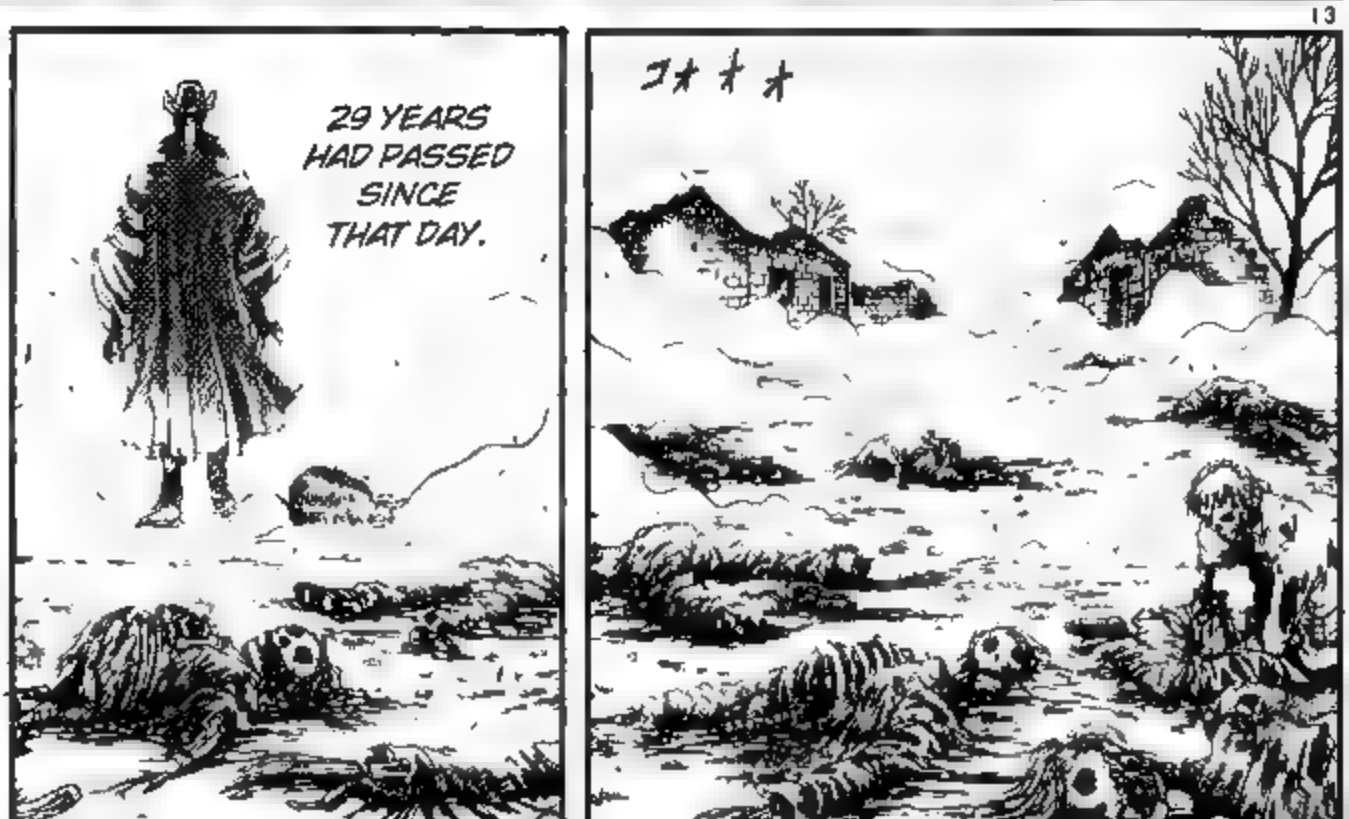
STEP ASIDE, YOUNG LADY.
MING-HAI, WHAT... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING...?

NOT... MING-HAI.
I... AM...

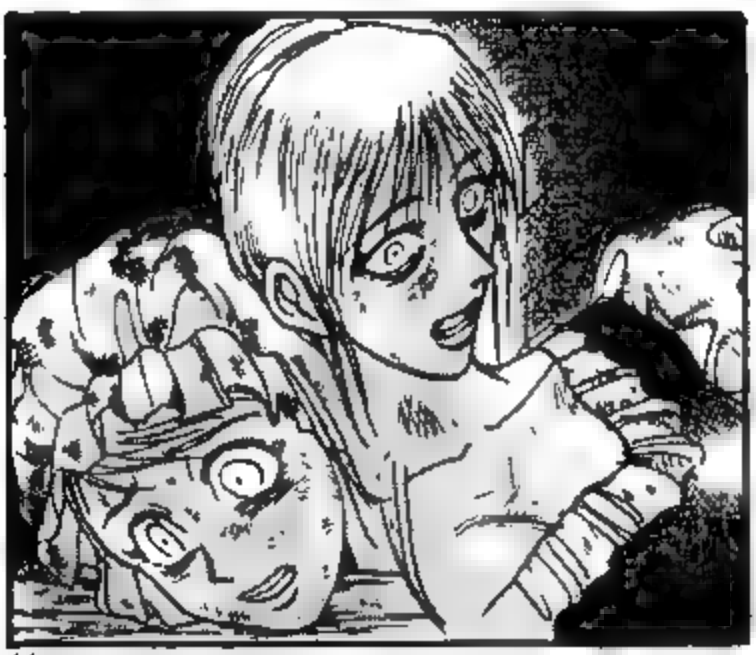
YOU'RE FINISHED, NARUMI.
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE NOTHING SPECIAL AFTER ALL.

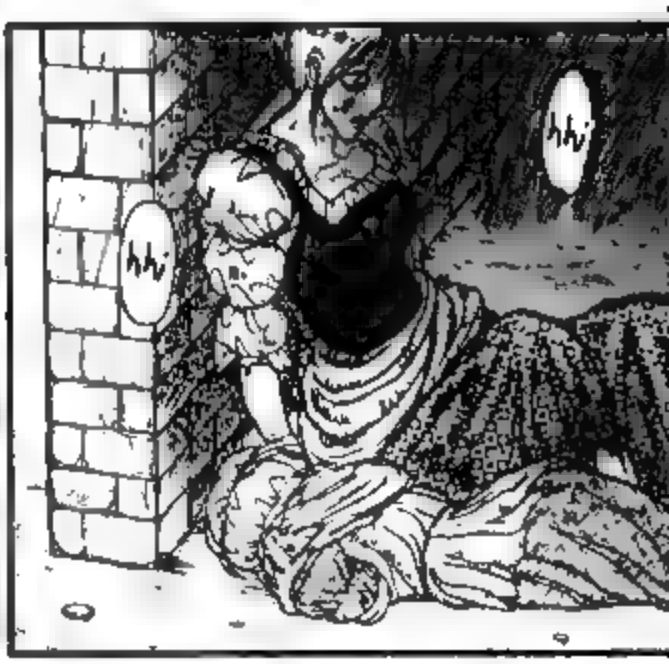
YOU ARE TRAPPED IN THOSE MEMORIES, UNABLE TO RETURN TO YOURSELF...
NARUMI, IT SEEMS THAT PERSON'S MEMORIES HAVE RE-AWAKENED INSIDE OF YOU...

YOU ARE A SHIROGANE WHO HAS SWORN TO DESTROY THE AUTOMATA.
BUT LISTEN TO ME. YOU ARE KATOU NARUMI!


29 YEARS HAD PASSED SINCE THAT DAY.

THE DAY I PARTED FROM JIN.
SINCE THE DAY I LOST FRANCINE ...

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JIN, OUR PUPPETS... THE HUMAN-LIKE PUPPETS WE BROTHERS WERE TRYING TO CREATE..! THE AUTOMATA...

WHY...? WHY WOULD YOU DO SOMETHING THIS TERRIBLE...?
WAS IT ALL BECAUSE YOU LOST FRANCINE?

JIN...?
DID YOU ... DO THIS ...?

MEANT TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS!
THEY WERE NEVER...

WAS ME.
AND THE ONE WHO STARTED IT ALL... THE ONE WHO ASKED HIM ON A JOURNEY TO CREATE THOSE PUPPETS...

THE ONE WHO SHOWED YOU THESE HORRORS WAS MY BROTHER.
WOMAN... I'M SORRY...

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DON'T THANK ME!

TH-THANK YOU...
R-REALLY?!

THIS IS AN ELIXIR CALLED AQUA VITAE. USE IT TO HELP THE OTHER VILLAGERS.

WHAT... IS THIS?

AND SO ... AND SO WHAT I MUST DO ...

NARU ...
WHAT ...?!
NO... YOU... YOU ARE...
.....
WO-MAN ...
I'M SORRY ...

EARTH TO EARTH ...
AND PUPPET TO PUPPET.

AH ...
WH- WHAT HAPPENED TO MING-HAI?!
THAT MAN IS NOT NARUMI.
RIGHT NOW...
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HE IS THE WANDERING ALCHEMIST, SHIROGANE.

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